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DAILY SUMMARY – OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM

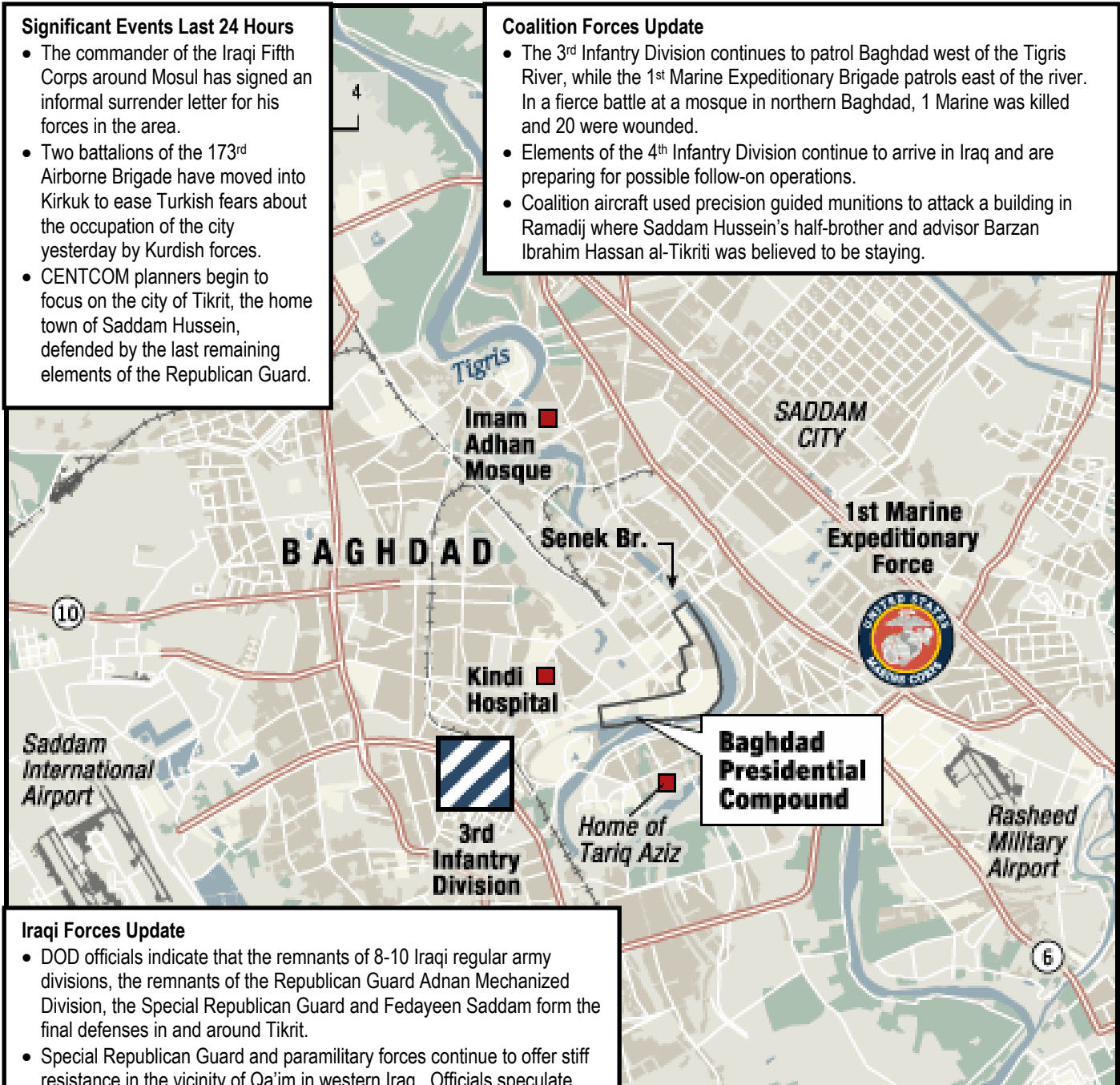
Current as of 12:00 p.m. EST April 11, 2003

Significant Events Last 24 Hours

- The commander of the Iraqi Fifth Corps around Mosul has signed an informal surrender letter for his forces in the area.
- Two battalions of the 173rd Airborne Brigade have moved into Kirkuk to ease Turkish fears about the occupation of the city yesterday by Kurdish forces.
- CENTCOM planners begin to focus on the city of Tikrit, the home town of Saddam Hussein, defended by the last remaining elements of the Republican Guard.

Coalition Forces Update

- The 3rd Infantry Division continues to patrol Baghdad west of the Tigris River, while the 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade patrols east of the river. In a fierce battle at a mosque in northern Baghdad, 1 Marine was killed and 20 were wounded.
- Elements of the 4th Infantry Division continue to arrive in Iraq and are preparing for possible follow-on operations.
- Coalition aircraft used precision guided munitions to attack a building in Ramadij where Saddam Hussein's half-brother and advisor Barzan Ibrahim Hassan al-Tikriti was believed to be staying.



Iraqi Forces Update

- DOD officials indicate that the remnants of 8-10 Iraqi regular army divisions, the remnants of the Republican Guard Adnan Mechanized Division, the Special Republican Guard and Fedayeen Saddam form the final defenses in and around Tikrit.
- Special Republican Guard and paramilitary forces continue to offer stiff resistance in the vicinity of Qa'im in western Iraq. Officials speculate that the forces are either defending Iraqi senior leadership officials attempting to move into Syria, or are defending weapons of mass destruction storage sites.
- In Baghdad, pockets of resistance remain. Non-Iraqi Arabs in a mosque in northern Baghdad yesterday engaged U.S. forces in what was described as a ferocious battle. Three Marines and one corpsman were wounded when a homicide bomber committed suicide up at a checkpoint.

Sources: Unclassified Department of Defense Sources and Press Reports; map from *The Washington Post*.

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